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The fellow on the left has been having his share of problems. So have all the other hogs living near Bay Springs, Miss. Starting in January and continuing through March, a strange animal has been attacking hogs and eating only their ears. This animal, which bullets don't seem to stop, resembles a huge cat...and at times seems more unreal than real. Then again, as some speculate, perhaps Bay Springs' surreal "ear-eating monster" is a transitional phenomenon--a thing made temporarily "real" by the circumstances of time, space, and a very flexible reality of the mind. Complete story inside.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK . . . .

New directions.

ARB is changing. With each issue we have gotten a little better. And we're not stopping here: it is our goal to transform ARB into the leading source of quickly conveyed Fortean data this side of the Atlantic. We don't like to see reports sitting around idle, and ARB serves as a forum for getting new material and carefully thought-out theoretical work into circulation. ARB is going through a metamorphosis; to make the final product worthwhile we need the help or our readers.

In order to fully meet our goals our mailing list must grow. We are not making money off ARB, but we must meet expenses. More subscriptions means more pages, more data, and more high quality material. If possible, renew one issue early. Your recommendation is very important to us; mention ARB to a friend.

I feel that we've been a bit skimpy in the last few issues with UFO data. Starting with ARB 7, we will carry more UFO material in the form of studies and in-depth investigative reports. There are many UFO publications that are merely political mouthpieces for large UFO organizations. There are some UFO publications that are very entertaining gossip rags. There are also the publications that publish excellent UFO data. However, it is our philosophy that unless you do something with the data in the form of correlative studies--or what not--the data remains rather useless.

An example of things to come: our next issue will carry a detailed report on UFO activity in North Carolina. Interestingly, UFO reports cluster around a strong magnetic anomaly in the southern portion of the state. This will be demonstrated thoroughly through the ample use of maps, diagrams, and illustrations; all of which are possible with our new litho format.

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Profile of a KID UFOLOGIST.

BY

CURT SUTHERLY

(What has gone before: In Part I of this narration, Curt Sutherly described his youthful interest arising from a breakfast table discussion between his parents concerning strange "flying disks." Curiosity triggered, Sutherly invaded libraries in his search for new information, an act every UFOlogist can relate to. But the boy's expanding interest was dramatically highlighted when, at the age of 16, he and a skeptical friend found themselves face-to-face with the unknown--which is where Sutherly left us last issue and where he again takes up the narrative.)

I slowed the car even more and bumped Ben in the elbow, saying something about the light-in-the-sky.

The object flashed a polished silver against the sky, which was both very blue and cloudless that day. It also grew larger--that is to say it approached our location--and suddenly Ben cut loose with, "I don't believe it--but it looks like a flying silver banana!"

His words are forever engraved in my memory. Doubtlessly I had some equally stupid things to say, but don't offhand recall what they may have been.

I suppose Ben's reaction is partly due to his skeptical attitude about the entire UFO subject. Until that moment, he would readily denounce all reports of UFOs, saying he'd believe them possible when and if he ever saw one. Well, he saw something, and today his attitude is basically unchanged. If it can't be explained by common sense or current technology, it doesn't fit into Ben's mental filing cabinet.

Yet somehow, I don't blame him . . .

The disk (the nearer it got, the more disk-like it appeared) was flying in a northward direction toward an irregular chain of hills known locally as the Little Blue Mountatin. Neither Ben nor I were fully convinced that the thing was really a flying saucer until it began doing something I'd read about but never expected to experience. The UFO began wobbling fore and aft in what has become known as the "fluttering leaf" motion. Picture a leaf falling from a tree and you can almost appreciate the effect this big silvery bug-a-boo had on us as it began acting contrary to all aviation standards and probably contrary to the laws of physics as-we-know-them. And all the while the saucer yawed up and down, it moved in level flight toward the line of mountains.

That broke whatever straw may have been resting quietly on the camel's hump . . .

I dropped the Ford into low gear and we were off in rather loud pursuit (I didn't believe in stock mufflers in those days). Entering town at a bit over the speed limit, we turned north onto Mechanic St. A few blocks along and the town limits fell behind. Then I really gunned the engine.

Determined driver and startled skeptic raced ahead at nearly 80 mph, bouncing over a semi-paved surface not meant for speeds of 50. When we entered open country near the base of the mountain chain, I slowed the car and pulled to the side of the road. Ben had been trying to keep an eye on the object as we drove. Despite his skepticism, the excitement of the moment had caught him in its hold. Nevertheless, we lost sight of the saucer.

Driving back into town, we exchanged my Ford for Ben's Chevy (the Ford was low on gasoline, and we didn't wish to waste time at a filling station). Back to the mountain we sped, and spent the remainder of the day sweeping the area. We may as well not have wasted our time.

Some months later, in December of '66, Ben and I again watched as something odd overflew the town. For a guy who was determined that UFOs shouldn't exist, poor Ben had his share of run-ins with them. I suspect it must have been the strange company he kept.

Again I never recorded the exact date, but Christmas was only a few weeks distant.

Ben had asked me to help him carry some large crates of--believe it or not--jack rabbits to the fields north of town. Apparently, his father's game club had imported into the state some few dozen of the big-eared critters as an experiment in breeding. The test must have failed; I don't recall anyone in that area ever bagging a jack rabbit.

It was snowing lightly that night and the crisp air and early darkness made the brief outing something of an adventure. The last thought on our minds was of unidentified aerial objects.

We were shadowed, I still recall. A small group of cats had decided that the jack rabbits might make easy game. Ben disliked cats with a passion and at one point took a swipe at a large Tom with his boot. Today, thanks to his wife, he has two cats in the house; what irony.

We had walked the crates out to the fields about a quarter-mile from the town limits. It's interesting that we traveled the same street along which my Ford had bounded months before--that is, Mechanic St. After releasing the rabbits, which were immediately set upon by the cats (with Ben swearing oaths to the skies), we turned and began stomping homeward through the deepening snow.

As we neared the edge of town, the snowfall became distinctly more noticable against the distant glow of street lights. Then, as if on cue, a pair of red lights drifted silently overhead.

The lights stayed close together, never varying the distance between them. We aren't certain today whether they were two parts of a single whole (I had the impression that there was some sort of connecting beam between the red globes; rather like a giant barbell), or if they were two units unto themselves. The altitude was about 1,000 feet and I'd estimate speed at about 35 or 40 mph.

Until the moment, the night had been filled with that child's Christmas feeling one gets near year's end, but the red lights easily spoiled the sensation.

Ben and I were somewhat versed on light aircraft due to the previously mentioned airfield (last issue), and this thing (or things) was definately not a plane. At a rough guess, the diameter of each globe was about 15 to 20 feet, and even this might be an overestimate. Also, the local aircraft at that time never flew after dark. The runway hadn't yet been outfitted with landing lights, and planes up after dark--especailly in poor weather--were taking unnecessary chances.

So there that second incident rests, unusual, baffling to our young minds, and completely unexplained. The air force no doubt would have found an answer to either case--or simply filed them "unknown."

For some reason the nighttime overflight affected both of us somewhat more profoundly then the previous disk-shape. Perhaps the fact that it occurred after dark, or that the UFO was closer to us physically, or even that we didn't have the relative protection of the car around us can

explain this. I'm not a psychologist . . .

But that we saw what we make claim to--of this there is no doubt. And even today, Ben gets a strange glow in his eyes when reminded of either incident.

I often think about those days when I'm asked if--being a UFO investigator--I've ever seen a flying saucer? It's a strange feeling to have people stare at you in expectation, all but praying you'll say "Yes, I did see one once."

Then if you give the answer they hope to hear, the next demand is "How big was the thing?" And--did it have windows, and were there any lights on it, and . . . well, it goes on and on. I can't possibly envy anyone having a close-encounter with a saucer. The unkindness of people who demand information merely to trigger a sensation, especially when such an attitued is mixed with a strong measure of disbelief, can be rated as a kind of horror.

Then consider the researcher: to the public-at-large, UFOlogists are dubious characters to begin with. They spend their free time running around the country twisting arms about the existance of flying saucers and little green men. Fortunately such isn't true save in the minds of those who created this myth.

Yet let it become known that the investigator has him-or-herself seen a UFO and the above reaction is multiplied, myth or no myth. No the researcher is no longer merely a <u>believer</u> in saucers, but a paranoid fruitcake who makes claims on the obviously impossible.

It's interesting that some of the bigger reactionaries of this type are listed among the nation's leading scientists. They build their little pinnacle of power and from that loft vantage point heap ridicule and passionate certainties about the obvious lunacy of most UFOlogists down on the latter group's collective head. Sometimes I wonder how science has managed to advance from the dark ages . . .

Fortunately for all of us--believers, skeptics, researchers--this kind of selfish narrow-mindedness is becoming impotent, slowly. If the ridicule factor had long ago been laid to rest, the resulting atmosphere may well have been of benefit to Portage County, Ohio, deputy sheriff Dale Spaur.

Months before Ben and I saw the silver disk, Spaur and his prowl-partner Barney Neff encountered a large brightly lit UFO, and chased it over 70 miles of highway into Pennsylvania. The details are too well known to be recounted here, but I will mention that after the incident, Spaur lost his job, his wife, and his home.

History repeated itself in 1973 when police chief Jeff Greenhaw of Falkville, Alabama, spotted a silver-suited character that may or may not have been a "UFO-naut. In this case not only did Greenhaw lose job and self-esteem, but someone actually burned out the interior of his mobile home.

But then man's respect for his fellow man has always been rather high . . .

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Other topics to be covered in future issues include: a catalogue and analysis of 50 Michigan "airship" sightings; three never before published reports of teleportation; "Phone phenomena: fact or fiction"; statistics on the distribution of Michigan creature reports; and much, much more...

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A RELIGIOUS APPARITION IN TEXAS.

by David Fideler

Paranormal phenomena that take on a religious "frame of reference" have recently been brought to the attention of UFO researchers. Readers interested in exploring this area are suggested to consult the following UFO books, all published within the last two years: The Invisible College, by Jacques Vallee; John Keel's The Eighth Tower (which examines "the cosmic force behind all religious, occult, and UFO phenomena"); and Jerome Clark & Loren Coleman's study, The Unidentified. The following is a report of a religous apparition from the state of Texas that has never been presented in Fortean journals before.

On August 2, 1927, there was a religious revival held southwest of Isabel, Texas, which is located in McCurtain County. The revival ended shortly after 10 p.m., and several persons boarded a truck and headed homeward down a county road. The group had only gone a quarter of a mile when the "miracle" began. One anonymous observer described it to a reporter:

"A blazing star fell from heaven, and hung suspended on the horizon. Other stars fell to the ground, with one rolling like a huge ball toward the church.

"A strange, but beautiful glow came over the whole of the western sky, and there appeared the figure of a man in the sky, with his face framed in fire.

"The picture of the man would glow brightly for a few minutes. Then it would fade. But a few moments later, it would brighten and glow again with all of its original splendor."

The apparition was visible for around one half hour, but the other activity (for example, the "falling stars") continued for several hours and was observed all over McCurtain County. Interestingly, the shower of "stars" has been observed at the sites of other religious apparitions, notably the ones involving the Blessed Virgin Mary (hereafter referred to in Valleeian terms as the BVM) at Zeitun, Egypt.

The minister present at the revival also witnessed the apparition, and had this to add:

"We were kneeling by the roadside. I was praying and I was absolutely calm and free from excitement. Suddenly, someone exclaimed, 'There's Jesus!', and looking up I saw in the sky the figure of a man clothed in celestial light.

"All who were present saw the wondrous sight and all present felt that they were indeed in the presence of our Lord and Savior. I am sure that there could have been no trick about the revelation. We all saw it."

In all, at least 40 persons claimed to have seen the phenomenon. (Information taken from a newspaper report supplied by Tom Adams; McCurtain Gazette, August 14, 1976.)

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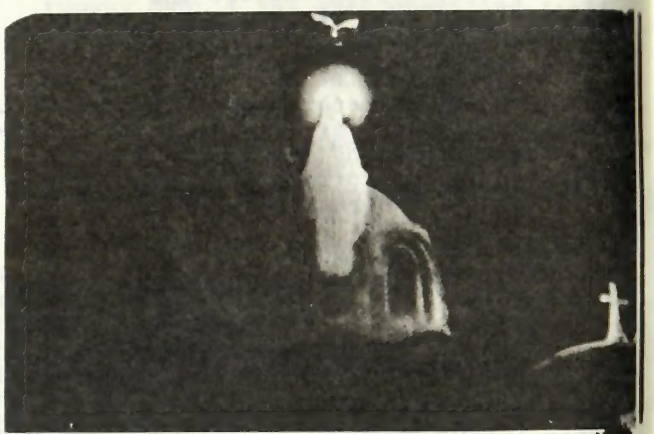

ABOVE: Apparition phenomena at Zeitun, Egypt. CR: Page Research Library, Cleveland, Ohio.

A new publication.

The Page Research Library of Cleveland, Ohio has produced an excellent report on the apparition phenomena associated with the appearance of a luminous-type BVM at Seitun, Egypt (1968-1970). The Zeitun apparitions have been described in The Unidentified and elsewhere, but Apparition Phenomenon Manifest at Zeitun, Egypt certainly is the best version available in the English language.

The manifestations of the Egyptian BVM were preceded by mysterious lights, strange glowing doves (reminiscent of some UFO reports), and other phenomena. The apparition would appear before thousands of people near the top of a church, and was widely reported on by the media. The various phenomena were recorded on film, and the photographic record is presented in the Page Research Library's report. A photograph of the BVM is reproduced here; the domes of the church being visable in the lowerportion of the photograph. The print that we reproduce is one of the clearer ones. The majority of the pictures show a glowing entity that strongly resembles those of "ectoplasm" and seance-room appartions.

In fact, the photographs so strongly resemble certain photographs taken of psychic phenomena in a non-religious frame of reference, that they add weight to the speculation that "The Phenomenon" producing various paranormal manifestations and religious apparitions are one in the same. To order a copy of this document, send $3 ppd. to: The Page Research Library, 6708 Colgate Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44102. The Page Research Libray stocks a huge collection of UFO/Fortean books for sale, and readers are reccomended to request a copy of their catalog.

DATA REQUESTS . . . . . .

Readers may have their requests for data printed here for free. We retain the right to reject any request not deemed appropriate.

Dr. Richard F. Haines is actively studying UFO sightings made by pilots, and would like to receive any cases involving commercial, private, or military pilots. Dr. Haines would like to correspond with any serious researcher who is willing to forward this type of data. Send all material to: Dr. Richard Haines, 325 Langton Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022.

Lou Farish writes: I would like to contact all individuals who are interested in conducting research into pre-1947 UFO reports. As I know that there are many newspaper files in several states which have not (to my knowledge) been checked for the 1896-97 period, I am particularly interested in those reports. However, anything pre-1947 is of interest to me. I will be glad to exchange information, provide additional information on potential sources for reports, etc. Lou can be reached at: Route One, Plumerville, Arkansas 72127.

Richard Toronto (309 Coghlan Street, Vallejo, CA 94590) is trying to locate a copy of Wilhelm Reich's book, Contact with Space. If an original copy can't be located, Richard might like to obtain a Xerox copy. Contact him for details.

Researchers with reports of "space grass" finds on file are asked to contact David Fideler, as a catalogue of such cases is being compiled. "Space grass" is a metalic material that resembles Air Force "chaff" and is occasionally found at UFO landing sites.

David Fideler is also seeking a copy of a paperback book entitled, The Fickle Finger of Fate...that describes the adventures of one "Satyr-Man." We won't give the author's name, to protect the guilty! Please advise on price and condition.

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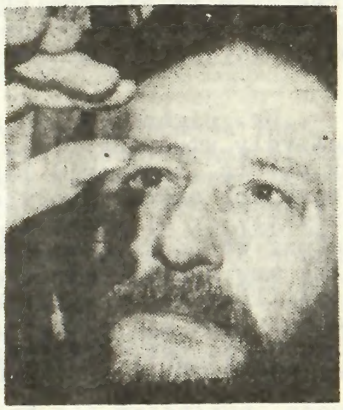

DR. JEREMIAH EPSTEIN STUDIES THE SUBJECT OF OUR REPORT BELOW.

Teleportation, or Messages-From-The-Sky, or Coin-Toting Settlers, or...

In 1963 Walter L. Horton Jr., a surveyor and amateur archaeologist, found a bronze coin in the Round Rock, Texas area while excavating an Indian mound. At that time, Horton placed little value on the artifact; even considering to gold-plate the specimen and use it as jewlery.

Then, in 1976 Dr. Jeremiah Epstein, a Universtiy of Texas professor in anthropology, contacted Horton through one of his students. The coin--about the size of a dime--pictures a young emperor wearing a laurel crown, breastplate, and cloak. Inscriptions refer to Emperor Constatine and his "Loyal Son Augustus." Also mentioned on the face of the coin is "The Invincible Sun, Companion of the Emperor." The coin, says John Kroll, Assistant professor of classics at the university, is around 1,660 years old. The mound was dated at being approximately 1,200 years old.

The question is: how could a small Roman coin turn up in an Indian mound. The phenomenon of ancient coins being found in mounds is, as most readers know, not new. Fort jested that they were falling from the sky...perhaps an attempt to communicate from some far-distant source. Brad Steiger seems to think that some type of teleportative agency is at work. Dr. Epstein's theories, are in my mind, equally far-out...

Dr. Epstein mentions "coin collecting settlers" and the possibility that a pile of coins drifted across the sea, aboard a deserted and forlorn ship. He said: "I can picture Indians gathering coins from the ship and passing them around...from one person to another in trade." Hmmmmm. (Dallas Morning News, Dec. 26, 1976 and many other sources; CR: Tom Adams & others. For further information on coins and other "damned" artifacts found in Indian mounds, the reader is suggested to consult Fort's, The Book of the Damned, Chapt. 11, and Brad Steiger's Mysteries of Time and Space.)

Strange Sounds...

The sentries who guard over the ammunition dump at Quantico Marine Base near Washington, D.C. have been having their share of problems with mysterious sounds. The strange noises start up around 11 p.m. and can usually be heard until 4 a.m. in the morning. One marine, Sgt. Krin N. Stolpa, tried to investigate the phenomenon and stated that it "sounded as if someone were being mutilated." He was not able to see anything, although "strange sightings" are enigmatically mentioned in the newspaper report. So much for in-depth coverage! News of the audio-visual goings-on was published after a release meant only for persons at the base leaked out to the press...which makes me wonder why the phenomenon never received any publicity prior, as it has been occuring for 30 years! The only information we have on this right now comes from a Washington Star article (Feb. 13, 1977; CR: Ronald Kelly). Can anyone forward further information?

ABOVE: One hog minus two ears. (Compare with cover photograph.)

"Year of the Cat."

As far as "phantom feline" reports go, 1977 has been nothing short of spectacular. As I write this, word of new sightings and reports continues to trickle in. One of the most interesting series of incidents occured near Bay Springs, Mississippi--where an enigmatic creature, dubbed by locals as the "Ear-Eater", attacked hogs. As you might infer, the creature only ate the ears...leaving the rest of the body untouched. Another case of Fortean absurdity! There was an exception to the rule, though: one animal literally lost its entire head. (What? Print the photograph? No...we do have some good taste. Yes, I realize it may be hard to believe after studying the cover, but let's continue with the story.) Most of the hogs who lost their ears died of blood loss and shock, but a few did survive.

During and after all the Mississippi weirdness, reports of phantom cat activity came from Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan, and Illinois. After our Ear-Eater feature below, we report on some of this activity, and hold several reports over for the next issue.

The information presented below is based on reports that appeared in two newspapers from Miss., The Jasper County News and the Smith County Reformer, copies of which were forwarded by Tom Adams. Credit also goes to Mark Hall and Richard Toronto.

Ear-Eater reports:

January:

6--A sow was attacked on the farm of Joseph Dixon. The animal's ears were eaten, and the animal later died.

7--Two hogs were killed on the farm of Joseph Dixon. The animal's ears were taken.

9--Joseph Dixon saw the "Ear-Eater." He said: "It was bigger than any German Sheppard, and it was longer than any dog, and it was jumping further than any dog could jump."

10--Another hog was attacked on the farm of Joseph Dixon. Half of the animal's ears were taken, but it survived the encounter. NB: All of the hogs attacked on Dixon's farm (all above reports) were left with a mysterious 2-3 inch deep gash in the back of their necks. Dixon said: "It's not a tear...it's a smooth cut...as smooth as you would cut with a pair of scissors."

16--A 300-pound hog belonging to Ollis Martin was attacked. Both ears were "torn out by the roots," but one ear was found lying nearby. The animal survived.

16--A dog belonging to Willie Reese attacked the "Ear-Eater" (or vice versa!). The dog, "Queen," had both legs split open, and one leg broken. One of the legs had to be amputated. "It looked like somebody had taken a knife and sliced

the legs right to the bones," Reese said.

16--A hog owned by Sonny Agee was attacked. The end of the animal's ear was bitten off, but survived. Agee's bulldog was also attacked, but it, like the hog, survived.

25--A calf disappeared on the farm of Joseph Fail. The area was searched, but no trace could be found.

25--The head was eaten off a hog belonging to Oneal Ducksworth. Four inch wide footprints were found on the road in front of Ducksworth's house.

February:

10--Joe McCullough shot a large cat with bird shot. The creature turned and came at him, but the shell in his gun instantly jammed ...leaving him with no defense. (The Cosmic Trickster strikes again!) McCullough shouted at the beast, trying to frighten it away. Luckily, the ploy worked. He describes the creature: "I'm five feet, seven and a half inches, and he was longer than I would be if I was laying down beside him. If I was standing up beside him, he would near about be up to my waist." The creature had a large head and very short ears. It was black and grey, slightly resembled a dog, and had a "long shaggy tale."

12--Sounds like that of a "woman screaming" were heard by several persons.

12/13--A hog was apparently chased by the "Ear-Eater," which tried to get into a house. Four inch wide prints were found in the area.

March:

2nd week--A large cat was seen chasing hogs by two men. Upon seeing the men, the cat came at them. The men made a quick get-a-way.

2nd week--Mildred Musgrove saw a large cat run across the road while driving to work. NB: While we don't have the exact date of this incident, it took place one day after the previous report.)

10--Strange noises were heard coming from the back porch of Jack Rogers' house. Mrs. Rogers investigated and found a large footprint, 3½ to 4 inches wide on the porch.

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PHANTOM CAT IN KENTUCKY?

by Ron Schaffner

(Ron Schaffner is the director of para-anthropoid research for the Ohio UFO Investigator's League. He is interested in receiveing reports of unusual creatures from Ohio and elsewhere. He can be reached at: 3786 Ferdinand Pl., Cincinnati, OH 45209.)

The last week in February and the beginign week of March: they were two bizarre weeks for Ted Brookbank and his family who live in California, Kentucky. California is a small rural community along the Ohio River.

Butch Brookbank, and a friend of his, Paul Walton, were talking on the front porch when they heard and unusual sound. Unfamiliar sounds were heard coming from the nearby woods every four or five days. They descirbed it as sounding like a woman screaming...only stranger. The dogs and cattle seemed frightened about something.

A few days after Butch and Paul heard the unusual sound, Loraine Brookbank was walking to the house. She heard the same awful noise. "I heard something walking back in the woods. Whatever it was, it sounded heavy, as I could hear the twigs and branches breaking," Loraine said. The neighbors had noticed something wrong too. Something out there was upsetting the animals. Something that didn't seem logical.

The final blow came on Saturday, February 26, 1977. The time was approximately 7:00 p.m., and a first quarter moon graced the clear sky.

Brookbank's mother and daughter-in-law heard their three dogs barking rapidly. Then came the fight: something of a great size jumped on the porch and attacked the dogs. The women told me that the entire house felt like it was caving in!

When Ted, Loraine, and the rest of the family arrived home they were told of the encounter. Their first impulse was to check the dogs. Their 70-pound German shepherd, "Lady," was found lying in a creek bed nearly 200 feet from the house. The dog had a broken back. Due to the severe injury, Lady had to be killed.

No one saw the encounter between the dogs and their attacker. The two women inside were terrified. I believe we can forgive them for not looking out the window; none of us can say what we would do under similar conditions.

The family searched the area and discovered three prints near the west side of the house. The prints were pointed toward the house, connecting the gravel road to the porch. No additionaly prints were located, and I searched and photographed the entire area. The prints, of which casts were made, have four parts. I believe they resemble the tracks of a huge cat. At the time of this writing, there is a debate going on whether they are footprints or pawprints.

My investigation took place a week after the incident, and the dogs were still scared. The two other dogs were badly cut, but what disturbed me was their frightened state. I've grown up with dogs, and never in my life have I seen a dog shake like these two. Ralph, a smaller hound, would never go into his dog house, according to the Brookbanks. But since the encounter, he won't come out!

The local game wardne's investigation seemed to point to the conclusion that the incident was the result of a pack of wild dogs. However, a loud high pitched sound that resembles a woman screaming is certainly not characteristic of a canine.

A person holding a high position at the Cincinnati Natural History Museum--who originally informed me of the case--believes the attack to be the work of a cougar or mountain lion. The game warden claims that these creatures have tremendous appetites and would be eating dogs, cattle, and chickens every day.

What the was is still a mystery. Perhaps it will always be a mystery. I have investigated another "phantom cat"-like report that occured in 1972 near the town of Branch Hill, Ohio, also located in the Ohio River Valley. This is not the first incident in the valley...and more likely than not, it won't be the last...

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ARB scoops the NEW YORK TIMES.

We are happy to report that the prestigious New York Times carried a write-up on Vestigia's remarkable "spook light" experiment several months after we carried the story. (See ARB 4.) Lou Wiedemann, who reported the story in ARB, informs us that the experiment will be repeated in the very near future. In conjunction with the $30,000 worth of equipment used in the first experiment, an additional $10,000 worth of devices will be used. The newly aquired equipment will be mounted on a computer-controlled trolley that rides up and down the railroad tracks!!

Curt Sutherly has sold an article to UFO REPORT on the first experiment, and will be on hand for the "second run." Jerry Clark, a good friend of ours, has mentioned the incidnet in his UFO REPORT column. Remember, you saw it in ARB first...

The UFO conference of 1977.

On June 24, 25, and 26, FATE magazine will host a magnificent "International UFO Congress" in Chicago comemorating the 30th anniversary of Kenneth Arnold's

historic UFO sighting (which led to the creation of the term flying saucer). Your editor will be in attendance (if some magazine sales go through!), and we eagerly look forward to meeting all ARB readers that are able to make it. For further information write to: International UFO Congress, Ltd., 500 Hyacinth Pl., Highland Park, IL 60035. The list of speakers reads like a "Who's Who in UFO-logy", and this event may well top Fort Smith. It's definitely not to be missed. We will carry a full report, with photographs. Stay tuned.

Fortean Chronology.

We've discontinued the Fortean chronology because I wasn't really pleased with the way it was being run. The format was good, but it just wasn't working out. We will continue to run all data, but in a different way. Robert JM Rickard, editor of FORTEAN TIMES, and I will probably publish and end of the year chronology along with an analysis of patterns and trends. We continue to catalogue reports, so keep the data flowing.

Publishing schedule.

July will most likely see two issues of ARB being produced. We hope to get back to 20 pages an issue soon, but the new printing process costs more. Additional subs will insure we get back to our larger format soon.

Finally, we would like to extend our thanks to John Rimmer, editor of Britain's acclaimed MUFOB. John designed our new logo. (See cover.) Thanks, John.....

HISTORICAL REPORTS.

The following historical reports are reproduced in full, word for word.

ANOTHER SEA MONSTER SIGHTED.

Charlotte, Mich. Sept. 2, 1886

--Charlotte is somewhat stirred up over the report that a genuine sea monster abounds in the water of Narrow Lake, ten miles south of this city. The monster, it is claimed by the habitues of that vicinity, raised itself out of the water on moonlight nights to a height of ten feet and then disappears. Its body is said to be about the size of a stove pipe, and its head to resemble that of a serpent. A party is being organized and will probable visit the lake soon to investigate.

(New York Herald, Sept. 3, 1886; CR: Gary Mangiacopra. NOTE: Mr. Mangiacopra is conducting some very extensive research into sea serpents and lake monsters. Readers with information are urged to contact him at 7 Arlmont St., Milford, Conn. 06460.)

A FIREMAN DISCOVERS A SNAKE IN A LUMP OF COAL--Theory Advanced That the Reptile Was Imbedded in the Coal in the Mine--Curious Creature Dies on Exposure to Air.

Peter Zabella, fireman at the waterworks at Livermore, Cal., while trying to shovel a lump of coal into the furnace made an astounding discovery. The piece he desired to place in the furnace was by the side of a larger piece. He tried to pick up the smaller lump on his shovel. He succeeded in getting the lump on the shovel several times, but every time that he endeavored to toss the lump toward the furnace door it would roll off of the shovel and back to its original position, just as if there was a string tied to it.

Zabella made several ineffectual efforts to get the coal into the furnace, but each time it seemed to snap back to its original location. At last the man became firghtened and came to the conclusion that the coal was bewitched. Then he cooled down and began a systematic and eminently practical investigation.

He began working at the lump of coal with a crowbar. The crowbar settled the lump of coal and

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This proposal was submitted by P. Wayne Laporte. ARB will carry further information on the work of this excellent researcher.

PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHING A STANDARD COLOR REFERENCE SYSTEM VIA USE

OF THE FEDERAL STANDARD COLOR CATALOG

One problem I have encountered during investigations is communication of color. The color must be communicated by the witness to the investigator, and by the investigator to the central headquarters.

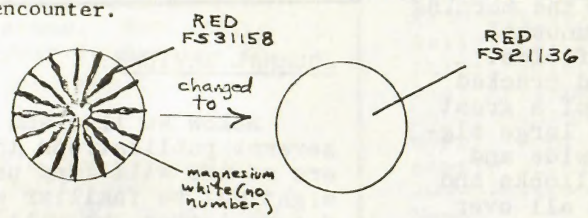
I have used an artist color wheel and a paint company paint catalog. The color wheel has too few colors. The paint catalog has too many. Also, central headquarters must have the same brand color wheel or paint catalog.

A better system is by using the Federal Standard No. 595a Color Catalog. This is a 31 page catalog with about 650 1/2 inch by 1 inch color chips. The colors are broken down into BROWNS, REDS, ORANGES, YELLOWS, GREENS, BLUES, GREYS, AND MISCELLANEOUS. Each color chip has a number. The number allows for quick location of colors.

If the witness says he saw a red nocturnal light, have him look through the REDS. There are twenty four reds. Notate Red and then the federal standard number. Then, anyone having a FS 595a catalog can see basically what color the witness saw.

The catalog is furnished in loose-leaf form to permit the insertion of new material. It can be obtained for $2.75 from GSA Specifications, Washington Navy Yard Building 197, Washington, D.C. 20407. Delivery - 3 weeks.

For example the diagram below illustrates its use as applied to my 13 Jan. '77 encounter.



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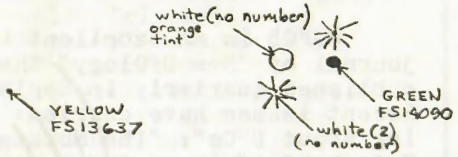

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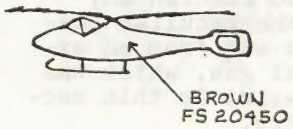

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the curiosity hold to the belief that the reptile hade (sic) been imbedded in the coal in the mine. The hole in which it was found was too small at the opening to have allowed a snake of the size of the one discovered to have crawled in from the outside. The men made careful measurements to satisfy themselves upon this, and all who saw it came to the conclusion that the reptile had been in the coal when it was mined.

(Greenbay ((Wis,)) Gazette, Mar. 11, 1897; CR: Robert Schiller via James Auburn.)

MYSTERIOUS NATURAL FREAK--Brown County (Ind.) Has Earthquake of Its Own.

News of a terrible upheaval of the ground on the farm of George White was brought to Franklin, Ind. In the night there was a severe storm and White and his family, who lives near the Brown county line, were awakened by a heavy rumbling and shaking of the house. The windows rattled loudly and dishes were shaken from their closets. The shock soon passed, and, as there was much lightning, they supposed it to have been merely an electrical shock. In the morning however, White found an unusual state of affairs in his fields. The ground was broken and cracked open, and bore evidence of a great disturbance. There were large zig-zag cracks several feet wide and yards deep. Numerous hillocks and cavities were apparently all over the field. For about a quarter of a mile the ground, for a depth of about 30 feet, and in the form of a crescent, was badly twisted, and looked as though it had been suddenly raised and then depressed. White is unable to furnish any explanation for the peculiar phenomena, unless it was from an explosion of natural gas, which was not supposed to exist in this section of the country.

(The lightning display and storm in conjunction with the quake is of interest. Green Bay Gazette, May 3, 1897; CR: Robert Schiller via James Auburn.)

PROSPECTORS HUNT MOUNTAIN DEVILS ON THE COWLITZ--PARTY RETURNING TO KELSO REPORTS ENCOUNTER WITH COWLITZ INDIANS' DEVIL BAND--HAIRY MONSTERS

Kelso, Alaska, July 15--(AP)--Armed for big game and carrying complete photographic equipment, a party of five prospectors left in search of "Mountain Devils."

An Indian could not kill the devil's band, which Roy Smith and four prospectors said attacked them at Spirit Lake, 40 miles northeast of here, breaking the roof of their cabin.

The animals are said to weigh four hundred pounds, and have hairy bodies and faces, clawlike fingers, black hair, long arms and make a fourteen-inch foot print.

(Fairbanks ((Alaska)) Daily News/Miner, Jul. 15, 1924; CR: John Schuessler. This report, like others, provides historical evidence for the existance of Bigfoot and certainly speaks for itself--DF.)

JOURNAL REVIEWS.

Below we list and describe several publications that the readers of ARB will find useful, but might not be familiar with. In future issues, we will publish descriptions of other journals, and "review" those mentioned in this feature. When writing to these publications, note the fact that you saw mention of their efforts in ARB.

MUFOB is an excellent 16-page journal of "New UFOlogy" that is published quarterly in England. Recent issues have carried: "Knowing about UFOs"; "The Monster as Metaphor"; "Winged Creatures and other Weird Beings"; and many more

excellent reports and articles. Subscriptions are $3 for 4 issues airmail. Make checks payable to editor John Rimmer, 11 Beverly Rd., New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4AW, England.

Fortean Times (PO Box 152, London, N10 1EP, England) is an excellent bi-monthly periodical covering all sorts of Fortean curiosities, and is published by Robert JM Rickard. Being 28 pages long, and only $1 an issue, it is a great bargin. Recent issues have carried information on mystery cats in the U.K.; mysterious explosions; "Birdmen of the Apocalypse"; the 1897 airship hoax; bleeding statues; and much much more... Yearly subscription rates: $6 for six issues, but add 10% extra (60¢) for bank exchange rates.

The current issue of the Vestigia Newsletter (R.D. #2, Brookwood Rd., Stanhope, NJ 07874) contains a report on Vestigia's spook lite research, along with the fantastic photos they obtained (see ARB 4); details on the highly interesting theoretical work of Thomas Bearden; material on governmental research concerning inducing spoken words, etc., into the minds of persons the the use of microwave transmission; "The Berkshire Valley Bigfoot"; and news on Vestigia research areas. Membership fees: $10 per year (under 18: $5). Membership includes sub to VN.

Jim Moseley's Non-Scheduled Newsletter is a nutty gossip rag that carries the latest "news" and ravings of the UFOlogical subculture. Is Moseley really "a boil on the ass of UFOlogy" as John Keel wrote in a current issue? Is Curt Sutherly a government agent? And, why is James Oberg, and anti-UFOlogist, really so tall? Only religious reading of Moseley's saucer sheet will reveal The Answers. The publication is well worth the price: it costs nothing. To get on the dreaded "non-subscriber's" list, write: James Moseley, PO Box 163, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.

The Cattle Report is a forum for information on animal mutilation incidents. The first issue is 8 pages in length (offset), and very nicely produced. Included is an article by our very own Tom Adams on mutilations of late 1976 and early 1977. The Report is edited and published by Ed Sanders, author of the bestselling book The Family, which describes the actions of Charles Manson. While we do not agree with Sanders' conclusions regarding the mutes, The Cattle Report is must reading for anyone interested in the enigma. Subscriptions: $6 for 5 issues (special rate for Federal Intelligence Agencies: $750 for 5 issues). Make checks payable to The Cattle Report, and mail all subs to POETRY, CRIME, & CULTURE BOOKS, Box 729, Woodstock, NY 12498.

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Last minute news.....

'Panther Like' Cat Sought Near Lima

Animal Is Responsible For Killing 140 Sheep

By Blade Staff Writer

A search is planned this weekend for an animal described as like a black panther that has killed 140 sheep near Lima, O., in the last three months, according to Bill Reeder, Allen County dog warden.

Identification of the animal was based on recent sightings and examination of animal droppings and plaster casts of its tracks by Dr. Wayne Kaufman, Lima veterinarian.

It has been described as being about 3 feet long and 24 to 30 inches in height, weighing 100 to 125 pounds.

Dr. Kaufman said the animal is not native to this area, and surmised that it may have been a pet, set loose by its owner.

Confirmation that the animal is a member of the cat family will nullify the more than $6,000 worth of claims filed against the Allen County dog license fund, which pays claims only for animals killed by dogs. Before positive identification of the animal, earlier thought to be one or more dogs, the fund had paid $1,570 to owners of 32 of the dead sheep.

The search party will use a tracking dog, Mr. Reeder said, and hopes to tree the cat, tranquilize it with a dart gun, and cage it.

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